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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 04 March 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*In a telephone conversation on June 9, 2004 applicants' counsel Bob Connors requested that the 312 amendment be disregarded. The 312 amendment has therefore not been entered. Because the claims 36 and 37 have not been cancelled, applicants' counsel also wishes that the request for change of inventorship be disregarded.*

  
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